

PROPOSAL – Grand Coulee Ranch 2014

Total Project 20,500 acres/Current Request 4,100 Acres

Conservation Values

- **Large contiguous areas of shrub steppe habitat**
- **Core area for grouse**
- **Important connectivity link for sharp-tail and sage grouse**
- **More than 30 focal species and habitats**

Recreation Values

- **Wildlife viewing**
- **Deer hunting**
- **Potential public fishing and boating access on the Columbia River**



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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	4,100
Existing Uses	Cattle ranching, small scale irrigation, dry farming and deer hunting
Threats	Development
Intended Uses	Long-term protection of sharp-tailed grouse. Recreation activities include deer hunting, watchable wildlife, and potential public fishing and boating access on the Columbia River. This area will become part of the WDFW Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area.
Project Description	This project area serves as a strategic link between habitats occupied by sharp-tailed grouse, and compliments nine local Recreation Conservation Office – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program projects that have been funded within the last decade. This area is one of the largest active sharp-tailed grouse leks in the state. Habitat features include: basalt cliffs, riparian draws, aspen, ponderosa pine, seasonal wetlands, vernal pools and pot-hole lakes, over 14 miles of Columbia River frontage, talus, caves, snags and logs. The area provides north-south connectivity for seasonal movements by sage grouse, as well as a linkage between sharp-tailed grouse populations. More than 30 species and habitats with special status occur within the project area: Washington ground squirrel, goshawk, burrowing owl, sagebrush lizard, sandhill crane, Townsend's big eared bat.
Partners/Supporters	Douglas County



